



Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter Meeting

Order of Business

April 13, 2019 – 10:15am

Butler University, Gallahue Hall, Room 106

“GREATER SERVICE, GREATER PROGRESS”

Alpha Sigma Chapter Attendance – 49 Sorors in March vs. 43 Sorors in March 2019

1. Aamina Alexander	2. Shira Amos	3. Sher’ron Anderson
4. Rishawnda Archie	5. Myrtle Bryant	6. Carla Clark
7. Jennifer Clayton	8. Marier Cox	9. Deyonna Darden
10. Nieka Davis	11. Dawn Davis	12. Bobbi Davis
13. DeShara Doub	14. Metai Ezell	15. Sonya Gilbert
16. Daphne Gilmore	17. Ziana Givens	18. Kaylin Greer
19. Stephanie Groves	20. Catina Harris	21. Delia Harris
22. Elwanda Haynes	23. Jalissa Hills	24. Javecia Johnson
25. Samika Johnson	26. Kathy Jones	27. Valerie Ligon
28. Yolanda Mattox	29. Brandi McGrady	30. Karen Moore
31. Patshawna Nickeo	32. Remitha Norman	33. Terri Roberts-Leonard
34. India Samuels	35. Timmira Sanders	36. Karin Sarratt
37. Tanika Scott	38. Sherelle Smith	39. Ashley Street
40. Luv Taylor	41. Andrea Terrell	42. Stephanie Tinsley
43. Amanda Ware	44. Toni Watson	45. Ti’auna Williams
46. Charonda Woods	47. Dawn Wright	48. Dannielle Yelder
49. Leila Darden		

Opening / Devotional / Reciting of Pledge

The presiding officer, Basileus Wright, called the Alpha Sigma Graduate Chapter meeting to order at 10:24 am. Soror Terrell, Chaplain, led us in prayer and this was followed by reciting the Sorority Pledge.

Roll Call / Introductions

Sorors introduced themselves to include their name, induction chapter, year inducted, office held (if applicable), and what we each do for self-care and/or to relax.

Adoption of Agenda /Reading of Minutes (Silently)

Basileus Wright called to adopt the agenda, with modifications. There are some adjustments to the agenda because some reports were not submitted by the publishing deadline. Motion was made to adopt the agenda with the modifications. The motion was dully passed.

Basileus Wright call for approval of the March 2019 meeting minutes. Soror Scott requested that the spelling of her first name be corrected (#34 on the attendance roster). The “m” should be changed to a “n”. With this change, Basileus Wright called for a motion to approve the March 2019 meeting minutes, with edits. The motion was made and duly approved.

Officer Reports

Basileus (Composite pg. 2)

Basileus Wright reminded Sorors that the *Educators Panel Event* will be held immediately after the Chapter meeting today; Basileus Wright stressed the Importance of supporting other SGRho Chapters in the State (South Bend and Gary); reminder about the Alpha Sigma Scholarship application deadline of May 1.

Refer to the composite for other reminders, to include International Water Safety Day on May 15, our next Chapter meeting on May 18, and the Awards & Achievement Luncheon on April 28.

Basileus Wright shared that the Alpha Sigma submission for the Central Region Awards & Recognition was not received, even though she received a confirmation of receipt. These awards will be sent to via e-mail. Basileus Wright again apologized for the mismanagement of this process, especially if this made your experience at the conference less than expected.

Soror Amos asked Basileus Wright about another topic related to the January meeting. Basileus Wright shared that during the January meeting, she did pilot online meeting capabilities by sharing the meeting link with Sorors that were out of town.

Soror Kathy Jones asked the body to comment / provide feedback on how we should leverage electronic meetings. Should this capability be available for Sorors that are on business travel, home sick, or may live out of town now?

Basileus Wright clarified that both the January and February meetings were both piloted online. Concerns were expressed about the lack of transparency in terms of not making the Chapter aware that new technology was being tested. Security concerns were expressed on voting and confidential information being shared with non-financial Sorors.

After discussion, Basileus Wright asked our parliamentarian, Soror Jones, to research ways to integrate the ability to have electronic/online meetings into the bylaws.

Anti-Basileus (Composite pgs. 3 - 6)

Super excited and super nervous, as we're preparing to induct our newest members into Alpha Sigma. Holcomb Gardens is very small but we will work it out. Induction details were provided. Soror Amos shared that she appreciates your time, efforts, and support. Please RSVP so that the membership committee can plan appropriately.

We're at 134 members, Sorors! We have a lot to celebrate this year. Want to give a special shout out to the Membership Committee. We're at an 18% growth rate, which is amazing. We didn't achieve the reclamation goal, which was 15, but we did get to 13.

We've had two webinars focused on Mentoring. Mentors have been selected for our soon to be 18 Sorors. We still have more than 60 interests. Soror Doub asked if the mentor qualifications specify minimal requirements on number of Sorority events "participated in" as a threshold to be considered. Soror Amos indicated no, that is not a requirement. Additional webinars will be offered to educate interested Sorors in potentially being mentors in the future.

Soror Amos stated that as we continue to grow, it will be important that we have even more Sorors willing to be mentors to help support retention. Soror Amos reviewed the draft Mentor Qualifications and Sorors were asked to provide feedback.

Soror Amos shared that a financial member shared the Membership newsletter with a non-financial Soror. This is unacceptable because the newsletter contains confidential information that should only be available to financial Sorors only.

Refer to the Composite for more details.

1st Anti-Basileus (Composite pgs. 7 - 8)

Soror Williams shared that BetaBeta has completed TORCH training. Thank you Soror Davis.

Poodle Praise to Marvelous Mu Chapter for coming to support BetaBeta's induction. A special shout out goes to Soror Gilbert for her dedication and commitment. Also, thank you to all of the other Sorors that helped out in some way (i.e. modules, driving, food, etc.).

We will be able to meet 5 Sorors from BetaBeta tomorrow because they will be here for Induction. They'll also be attending the next Chapter meeting.

2nd Anti-Basileus – Alpha (Composite pgs. 9 - 10)

Soror Williams provided the update for Soror Joshua because she had to travel to Chicago for a Cheer Competition. Alpha Chapter will be preparing for a Fall T.O.R.C.H. calendar. Refer to the Composite for more details.

Syntaktes Harris shared that Soror Long called her last night and shared that she has been recognized as one of the Top 15 students on all of Butler's campus. She will be graduating on May 11th and plans to join Alpha Sigma upon graduation.

4th Anti-Basileus – Mu (Composite pg. 11)

Soror Yelder shared that she met with the Greek Life Advisor this semester. She's pleased with how this relationship is progressing.

The new members are T.O.R.C.H. trained and they will be hosting a Spring Informational on April 17th. Mu Chapter will not have any Sorors graduating in the Fall.

Mu played on the "MARVELous" theme for a week of events. One of the sessions was very engaging as they engaged in very candid discussion about sexual assault from both the male and female perspective.

They will have a summer retreat planned and will likely have two sessions.

Soror Sarratt gave a Poodle Praise to Soror Yelder for her leadership in growing Mu Chapter!

5th Anti-Basileus – Gamma Zeta – No report

Anti-Grammateus (Composite pg. 12)

Soror Sarratt provided project updates on the Chapter Directory and Sorority Name Badges. Refer to the Composite for more details.

Grammateus (Composite pgs. 13 - 20)

Soror Clayton referenced the comprehensive transaction ledger for review. Assessments for the new sorority year are due July 1. Recognized that Soror Doubs has paid in full!

Sorors are being asked to ***“Make the pledge and donate to Alpha Sigma through Time and Service”!*** Every Soror is being asked to pledge to select and commit to one service day at the Racetrack. Save the dates for May 11th, 19th, 24th, 25th and 26th. Sunday, May 26th is a critical date and we need a minimum of 15 volunteers to sign-up. This shift will run from 4 am – 2 pm on this date.

Soror Clayton indicated that we have a goal of \$5k and we’ve currently raised \$1,170 towards our goal. Poodle Shout Out to Soror Tammy Bowman has donated the \$90 to be recognized as an honorary Raceway Poodle.

Become a member of the ***exclusive Raceway Poodle Club*** and receive a commemorative gift, which will be announced later! You will also be entered in a raffle for a variety of prizes as follows:

- 1 entry per service date completed
- 1 entry for every non-Soror you pledge (sign up and service completion)

Sorors can also donate \$90 or \$100 to help support Chapter programming, scholarship, and youth engagement, centennial planning, and potentially bringing back the CCC Float!

Soror Clayton was congratulated by the Chapter for being innovative in her approach to fundraising.

Refer to the Composite for additional information.

Tamiochus (Composite pgs. 21 - 25)

Soror Clark reminded the Chapter that her report covers a month in arrears. You can see items paid, reconciled, and withdrawals. You’ll notice that we’ve had a lot of expenses throughout the month associated with T.O.R.C.H. The end of March 2019 balance was \$35,009.53 and at the time of the report, the balance is \$42,727.88.

Budget for new Sorority year will be presented at next meeting.

As we submit reimbursement forms, please ensure that the amounts submitted are correct.

Soror Grady indicated that as the budget is developed, we would like to have consideration to increase our scholarship amount to be more than \$2k.

Refer to the Composite for additional information.

Epistoleus (Composite pg. 26)

Soror Greer shared that all of our social media has increased. Big shout out to her Committee. She’s still in a learning mode and appreciates the support from her Committee.

Poodle Pages are being developed and Chapter Display update is in progress.

Refer to the Composite for more details about Flyer, PR, and Social Media Submissions.

Parliamentarian (Composite pg. 27)

Soror Jones shared that we’ll vote on local, regional, and national bylaw recommendations in the May Chapter meeting. If you have anything to submit for consideration, the deadline is April 15. Let her know if we have any ideas about *Sisterly Share* topics.

Rhoer Club Advisors (Composite pgs. 28 - 29)

Soror Mattox shared the Rhoers are collecting “dimes” for March of Dime Campaign.

Thank you to Mu Chapter and Alpha Chapter for supporting Rhoer conference. The Rhoer scrapbook is on display in the

Chapter meeting and Sorors were encouraged to check it out. The Rhoers were very creative and we're so proud of them!

Soror Mattox indicated that she will be doing a Fall intake process and she will coordinate with undergrads to ensure calendars don't conflict.

Finally, we'll have two Rhoers heading off to college in the Fall: Rhoer Trinity Patterson and Rhoer BriYanna Robinson. Refer to the Composite for more details.

Committee Reports

Local Community Service (Composite pgs. 30 - 31)

Soror Anderson shared her report, which captures the events completed, # of participants, and total number of service hours. Soror Anderson expressed concerns about the low participation rates.

Swim1922 Event will be held on May 18 in collaboration with the Region. This will include New Members and goal is to get 25 Sorors in the water. The event will be held in Bloomington.

An inquiry was made from the Chapter about why Alpha Sigma did not receive any recognition at the Conference for our Community Service hours completed. Soror Anderson shared that it's because Headquarters is not getting our reports. She's been submitting via the portal, but it might be the wrong portal. Syntaktes Harris asked if she's reached out to the Region for assistance. Soror Anderson stated that she would follow up.

Soror Norman asked how she's established the goal of 10 Sorors participating. She indicated that the numbers have fallen off significantly. A discussion ensued about different approaches and how the Chapter can encourage more involvement. Soror Harris suggested that Soror Anderson refer to the calendar to see what other activities are underway and try to minimize conflicts when the service dates are selected.

Scholarship (Composite pg. 32)

Soror Johnson indicated that she had not yet received any applications. The deadline is Wed., May 1st.

The 22 Club has closed for this Sorority year and \$380 was raised. Committee will have more focus on this in the next Sorority year so that we can try to surpass the \$1500 raised in the previous year.

Soror Ligon suggested that in light of having no applications for the scholarships, that we should allocate these funds to the graduating Rhoers. A motion was made and seconded, but this was deemed to be out of order by Syntaktes Harris. After further discussion, the Chapter indicated we would like to explore having the ability to recognize our Rhoers with scholarships. However, Syntaktes pointed out that we've already advertised that applications are being accepted. We can't change our minds on the process at this point.

Courtesy (Composite pg. 33)

Soror Doub shared that she attended the Youth Symposium, which she left off her report inadvertently. She also attended the AKA Community Meeting and we had great attendance.

The Sorors with March/April Birthdays were asked to stand and be recognized! Happy Birthday Sorors!

Health & Wellness (Composite pg. 34)

Soror Watson gave the report on behalf of Soror Seawood. Refer to the Composite for more information about Mental Health Monday's and Wellness Wednesday's. Soror Seawood has noticed that other minority organizations are following our lead on social media. It's great to see Alpha Sigma leading the way in addressing health and wellness initiatives in our community.

Refer to Composite for more information about Getting Fit with Sigma, Ladies Night Out Rhock Climbing, etc.

Awards & Achievement (Composite pg. 35)

Soror Yelder reported that we only received 32 votes for the Awards & Recognition celebration. For a Chapter our size, we should have more participation. Next year will try and build a budget that allows this event to be free. Syntaktes Harris volunteered to sponsor all UGs from Alpha and Mu Chapters. Soror Yelder said this is very much appreciated and she will confirm if the UGs will be attending.

Refer to the Composite for examples of attire for the event.

Indiana Black Expo (Composite pg. 36)

Soror Ezell shared that she is finalizing two shifts for Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20 and one shift on Sunday, July 21.

Request has been made for us to participate in a special day of service, they would still want focus in the kids zone, etc. We would need volunteers for this event. The Chapter provided feedback that we should not over-commit and remain focused on our commitment to the kids.

Soror Ezell shared that we can get a booth for \$250. Need to decide how we prioritize the events.

Syntaktes Harris recommended that we consider allowing the National team to host the booth to promote Centennial. Soror Ezell liked the idea and indicated that she will follow up.

Before we continued in the Officer and Committee reports, Basileus Wright clarified that we will continue to keep the 5th Anti-Basileus report on the agenda. Previously it had been removed but we've been advised that it should remain an agenda item going forward.

Founders

Soror Leila Darden shared the Save the Date for Saturday, Nov. 9th. More details will follow shortly as the Committee gets organized. The focus will be on celebrating "our Founders". Soror McGrady asked if Soror Darden could offer some insight into what she has in mind for this year. Soror Darden responded by saying we would like for this to be a scholarship gala in which these awards would be handed out during the gala.

Stay tuned for more details soon.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business (New Items / Projects Not Yet Discussed)

79th Central Region Delegates Report (Composite pgs. 37 - 48)

Soror Clayton referred the Chapter to the Composite for the detailed Delegates Report. She highlighted that the next Regional Conference will be held March 11 – 15, 2020 in Louisville, KY and the next Boule will be held in Atlanta, GA.

Soror Riley needs help with the Centennial Committee planning. Please reach out to her directly if interested.

About to charter a chapter in Dubai.

Good of the Order – Announcements and/or Remarks

- NPHC – Soror Haynes shared that we are selling tickets for the upcoming Cinco de Mayo event on Saturday, May 4th at Harpers. We have a minimum of 10 tickets to sell.

Also, this year the NPHC Summer Celebration Weekend will be June 7 – 9.

- A question was asked about when we could expect a report from the 7 BEACONS Foundation. Basileus Wright shared that anytime they are ready to provide a report, we can add it to the agenda.

- A request was made to have Soror Riley provide a Centennial update prior to the end of the year. It was taken under advisement in light of the fact that Soror Riley provided an update at the March Chapter meeting.

The meeting concluded at 12:07 pm.

Closing – Hymn

Meeting Adjourned

“Defining our legacy through servant leadership”